

PENDING CLAIMS

The listing of claims below represents the presently pending claims. The claims are not presently amended; the list is reproduced here for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) A processing aid for a vinyl chloride resin; the processing aid having a specific viscosity η_{sp} of 0.6-1.6, an average particle diameter of 1500-3000 Å and being obtained by polymerizing

1 to 50 parts by weight of a monomer mixture (B) comprising 0 to 49% by weight of methyl methacrylate,

51 to 100% by weight of at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of a methacrylate ester except methyl methacrylate and an acrylate ester, and

0 to 20 % by weight of a vinyl monomer copolymerizable therewith,

in the presence of a latex of a (co)polymer having specific viscosity of at least η_{sp} 0.7, which is obtained by polymerizing in emulsion 99 to 50 parts by weight of a monomer mixture (A) comprising

51 to 100% by weight of methyl methacrylate,

0 to 49 % by weight of at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of a methacrylate ester except methyl methacrylate and an acrylate ester, and

0 to 20 % by weight of a vinyl monomer copolymerizable therewith,

the total amount of (A) and (B) being 100 parts by weight,

and the specific viscosities being measured at 30°C using Ubbelohde's Viscometer on

0.1 g of polymer dissolved in 100 mL chloroform.